

Recreation and Park Advisory Board

Site Tour

June 25, 2015

Members Present: Chip Boylan, Larry Eason, Tom Lynch, Susan Baker, Roline Milfort, Bob Taylor, George Sushinsky and Tom Luginbill

Members Absent: Sandeep Dayal

Staff Present: Tim Chesnutt, Christine Henry, Andy Lett, Jen Liberto

Re: Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

Re: Citizens Forum

N/A

Re: Staff Report

Jen Liberto, Recreation Programs Supervisor for Sports, made a presentation on a proposal to restructure and redefine the Recreation and Parks Department's *Revenue and User Fee Policy*. Her hope was that the Advisory Board would provide input and guidance by the July meeting (7/23 at the Police Station), and ultimately present to the Mayor and Council in August or early September for their consideration. The goal is to have this new structure in place by mid-September, in plenty of time for the FY17 budget development.

Jen discussed the history, processes and decision making that went into the development of this proposed policy. R&P staff from every level and representing every program area were involved throughout the process. A couple of the primary goals were to maintain the current level of revenue collected by the Department, while setting program/cost center goals for revenue generation that were achievable and consistent with the values of the City and Department.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Advisory Board would individually and collectively respond by their July meeting with suggestions, comments, recommendations and ideas. At that point, whether the Board is ready and able to support the policy, and subsequently present the policy to Mayor and Council on the Department's behalf, will be considered and should be voted upon.

Re: Subcommittee Reports

Community Centers and Parks – None

Glenview Mansion – None

Recreation and Parks Foundation – There were five takers on the sober rides during the Hometown Holidays event, and final revenue figures should be available by the July meeting.

RedGate – The course looked good, but the rough was “US Open” length, making it extremely challenging.

Sports and Fitness – None

Swim and Fitness Center – There was one bidder for the South Pool project, but staff is comfortable with and confident in their ability to perform the work. Work will begin soon.

Upper Watts Branch Stream Study – None

Re: Old Business/New Business

Chip and Roline attended the Mayor and Council meeting representing the Foundation and the Advisory Board, respectively. They accepted a proclamation from Mayor and Council declaring July *Recreation and Parks Month*, and Chip made three presentations on behalf of the Foundation recognizing the contributions of: the Montgomery County Road Runners Club, which provides assistance to the City’s youth sports programs as well as the Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest and Rockville 10K/5K; EU Services, which has supported programs, services and provided scholarships at Rockville’s Lincoln Park Community Center for more than 20 years; and Alan Tetervin of the Rotary Club who has been the lead fundraiser for the Twilight Runfest for more than 10 years, and has raised more than \$500,000 for the Rec Fund during this time.

Site tours were conducted of: Dogwood Park, Potomac Woods Park, and Wootton’s Mill Park. When comparing the proposed off leash areas at Dogwood Park and Wootton’s Mill Park, there was a decided preference among the Board for Wootton’s Mill as a pilot site.

Re: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned following the beginning of rain and the onset of night. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 23 at the Police Department.